

# National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment

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## Featured Website: Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis



**Indiana University  
Purdue University  
Indianapolis**

Criterion:  
**Communication  
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The screenshot shows the IUPUI Academic Affairs website. The header includes the IUPUI logo and a search bar. The main navigation menu lists: Plans & Initiatives, Policies & Appointments, Faculty Advancement, Interdisciplinary Connections, and Promotion & Tenure. The page title is "Principles of Undergraduate Learning" and features a photo of a young woman. The content area includes a sidebar with a table of contents and a main text block describing the principles.

**PLANS & INITIATIVES**

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**Principles of Undergraduate Learning**

The Principles of Undergraduate Learning comprise a common, campus-wide articulation of expectations for baccalaureate degree recipients. They define a set of higher order abilities and skills that all undergraduates are expected to master, providing a focused statement of expectations for all undergraduate students, no matter what their major, and a common framework for assessing and evaluating academic programs. They also supply the foundation for a concept of general education built upon common cognitive experiences and deliberately sequenced intellectual development, continuing from the freshman year through the major to graduation. Thus, the PULs are introduced to beginning students in their First-Year Seminars, woven into introductory courses across the campus, and incorporated into majors, which generally include capstone courses designed as culminating experiences that integrate the six PULs with one another and with the content of the major.

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- PUL 1: Core Communication and Quantitative Skills**
- PUL 2: Critical Thinking**
- PUL 3: Integration and Application of Knowledge**
- PUL 4: Intellectual Depth, Breadth, and Adaptiveness**
- PUL 5: Understanding Society and Culture**
- PUL 6: Values and Ethics**

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) has accumulated a variety of assessment resources on its website. One of the signature initiatives is what is known as **Principles of Undergraduate Learning**. These principles, according to the website, “comprise a common, campus-wide articulation of expectations for baccalaureate degree recipients” and “define a set of higher order abilities and skills that all undergraduates are expected to master, providing a focused statement of expectations for all undergraduate students, no matter what their major, and a common framework for assessing and evaluating academic programs.” Tools, matrices, historical documents, assessment strategies, and other resources have been developed to help integrate the initiative into campus assessment activities and are shared on the website.

In addition, IUPUI is active in promoting its work on **ePortfolios**. Information about assessment rubrics, possible grant funding for department initiatives, presentations about ePortfolios, and more are offered on the website. Students are encouraged to participate in assessment activities through a formal initiative known as the **RISE to the IUPUI Challenge**. The initiative, according to the website, “engages students more deeply in their learning and contributes to their intellectual and professional development in unique ways” and “incorporates qualified experiences, integration of knowledge, reflection, and assessment.” For its communication through the various assessment resources on its site and creativity in terms of assessment initiatives on its campus, IUPUI is April's Featured Website.